

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to take a moment to introduce two guests of Senator Frank Korshoj. Under the south balcony, we have visiting with us today Charles and Lois Backer from Tekamah, Nebraska. Please stand and take a bow. Thank you. We're glad to have you visiting with us. On the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Pirsch applied a word to what I am doing; that word was elucidating. It reminds me of a cartoon I saw in the funny paper called the Far Side, and this little fellow is coming into a cave where his parents are. He is attired in an animal skin and so are his parents, and he said, I was at school today and they said my family is nothing but a bunch of Neanderthals. Is that true? Well, is elucidating the word, I wonder, that Senator Pirsch wanted to apply to what I am doing? Was that it, Senator Pirsch? You really meant that word? She said, yes. Now, I wonder how my kids would respond if they knew that you called their father that. But, at any rate, in all seriousness, in all my elucidating, I don't think I made clear, or Senator Pirsch didn't hear me, when I was discussing this new language. I said that the language remains the same, has nothing to do with child pornography but it increases the punishment. That's what I said. When she stood up she gave the impression that she didn't understand me to have said that. I said the language has not changed in the bill. It's still talking about obscenity and the reason I found it so objectionable is because it increases the punishment for that which is simply considered by somebody obscene; has nothing to do with child pornography. So they went through the bill and in practically every section, regardless of what it said, they increased the punishment and that's the way you deal with what is deemed a problem in society. You say, I don't think you ought to read that so I am going to put you in jail, I am going to fine you, because I don't think you ought to read that. How do you even know what they are reading if you're not looking over their shoulder? What somebody reads is of nobody's concern except the person reading it, unless we are dealing with children, then you can justify taking some concern for what it is that comes to them. You talk about lending that which is considered obscene. Two men or a man and a woman exchange obscene material to arouse each other and pornography used for that purpose is something that psychologists and sexual therapists recommend. There is considered a legitimate use for pornography. Most people have such a narrow view and